

From: [Strength, Stephanie - Washington, DC](#)
To: [Lilley, Bliss](#);
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Subject: FW: Powerlines proposal
Date: Tuesday, July 14, 2009 8:35:23 AM

-----Original Message-----

From: Chris Nagel [<mailto:nage0049@googlegmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2009 8:11 PM
To: Strength, Stephanie - Washington, DC
Subject: Powerlines proposal

Hello Ms. Strength,

I am concerned by the 345 kV power lines, which are planned to be installed or expanded along the stretch of Mississippi between Alma and LaCrosse, WI. The concerns I have are aesthetic and concern safety. It is important to me that the project not contribute to the loss of the wilderness area along these backwaters. Is there a way to bury the lines, or otherwise minimize their impact? Is there a way to not locate them in the very visible Mississippi channel?

In terms of safety, I encourage the use of highest industry standards of safety. I will be content paying for this additional service.

Regards,
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I-106-001

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to vegetation and wetlands will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.

I-106-002

Your comment has been noted. Alternatives to the project will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-106-003

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to the aesthetic quality of the areas surrounding the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.